

Mondary February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891

out in the cove

We got a quarter of beef today of Capt. Willard. It rained about an hour this evening but the drops froze as soon as they struck the ground making everything icy. Father went over to J. A. West's this evening & Elmer went over to Capt. Willard leaving me alone.

Father returned at 10:55 P.M. & we went to bed shortly afterwards. The wind has been going in the cove since morning with unabated fury (caused by the damp air).

<sup>4:30</sup> ~~6:40~~ Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> 1891.

The wind is still going in the cove & sounds like a heavy water fall. The wind always sounds like a water fall when it is going in very hard. Have been to work on the maps to day. I have completed Map No. 2 as far as the cove is explored on that Route (Simpson's Palace). Worked on the Goods Conveyance Route on map No. 1 but did not get much done because I was not in a working mood. Elmer went down to George Mc Morris this afternoon to borrow some powder and shot & got a rabbit on the way home. I expect company of some kind tomorrow.

<sup>5:05 in cave)</sup> ~~Simpson's Palace Route Two~~

Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1891

I worked on map No. 1 about 2 hours this morning.

At 2:30 P.M. Mr. Moore, J. M. Moore & Father arrived from Hot Springs. After dinner we started in the Cave but it was 6:55 P.M. when we got ready.

We started in the cove with the intention of getting a load of Wind Cave marble and went the Simpson's Palace Route. We went to the marble that was discovered on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1891. We got some large pieces of coral (lime) on a way in and gathered it up upon our return. Elmer, Melvin, John.